

**Greetings from Cairo**

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To: Eric Newman &lt;Ericnumis@aol.com&gt;

Dear Eric,

Greetings from Cairo where it is getting hotter and hotter and in this case I mean the temperature not the politics. I have finally taken time from my numismatic projects to look at old email and had the opportunity to read the fantastic article about you in the New York Times. Congratulations.

The article reminded me how much pleasure and how much I learned by working with you on the Huntington. I even remember calling you in St. Louis for your input. I continue to serve on that committee.

My major project here in Cairo is to put on line 6,500 numismatic items locked in the basement of the Egyptian National Library where no one can see them. I have the basic data from 1982 but until I finally got permission, no images. Now I have the images of all the pieces and have had an Egyptian colleague reread the inscriptions in Arabic which we have added to the planned web pages. All of this is being done through the ANS. Andy Meadows has been a super help and an active supporter of getting material on the web and I hope that he will continue to do so from his new and very impressive position at Oxford.

I am also involved in one other Eric Newman legacy. I'll be in New York for the June meeting of the ANS Board when the summer seminar is on and I volunteered to talk about what one can learn from the study of Islamic coins. This will be in addition to Michael Bates basic overview of Islamic coinage. I am always impressed by the quality of the students the ANS is able to attract and with your support bring to New York.

Again, belated congratulations on your birthday and the NY Times article.

Yours,

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